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MEMORANDUM FOR: Information Review Officer, DO

FROM: [redacted] 25X1
Chief, Classification Review Division
Office of Information Services, DA

SUBJECT: Meeting With Air Force and State re Air Force History Titled Interdiction in Laos, 1960-1968

1. Chief, CRD and [redacted] met with Colonel Fred Shiner, Air Force History Office, and Jack Eaves and Ike Izenberg of State/CDC/MR on Friday, 14 December 1984 at Ambasssador Burke's office at State. The subject of discussion was the Air Force history, Interdiction in Laos, 1960-1968, which we have several times reviewed and concerning which State and CIA have such strong reservations that we do not want the manuscript published in its present form at this time. 25X1

2. Col. Shiner reiterated the Air Force's desire to have this an unclassified history, otherwise they lose their readership. Mr. Izenberg explained State's feelings that the publication of this volume, and especially its tone, would prejudice relations with Laos. From the Agency point of view, we explained that while we had a number of specific problems with the manuscript on intelligence matters, we also supported State that its publication at this time could cause damage to current U.S. foreign relations.

3. After protracted discussion it was finally agreed to follow this schedule:

a. [redacted] would finish his review job of Air Force's suggestions for changes in the manuscript that relate to the intelligence questions and coordinate these within CIA. 25X1

b. These would be forwarded to Air Force, where the CIA changes would be incorporated into the manuscript.

c. Air Force would send the revised manuscript to State.

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d. State would make their review and suggestions and return them together with the manuscript to Air Force for rewriting and revision to meet the State objections. This is where difficulties may arise because State is concerned with the tone and impression made in several parts of the manuscript. This suggests possibly extensive rewriting. It is doubtful that State will undertake such extensive reworking.

e. Air Force would send the second revised manuscript to CIA, and then to State for final approvals.

f. Our letters of approval (if given) would be contingent on acceptance of the final manuscript by the NSC, because of implied criticism of NSC and White House policies in the manuscript. Even in a revised form it is expected to go to NSC for approval. NSC must give the final approval for publication.

4. We will coordinate with you on our review of the manuscript and will keep you informed as this process unfolds.

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